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Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces

Abu Dhabi Economic Forum*

Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi
5-6 February 2007

Sunday: 4 February 2007

16:30-18:30 **Registration at Emirates Palace Ballroom**

Day One: 5 February 2007

08:00-09:30 **Registration at Emirates Palace**

09:30-10:15 **Opening Session**

- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- **Eng. Salah Al Shamsi**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **HE Nasser Ahmad Al Suweidi**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Department of Planning and Economy
- **HE Sheikha Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi**, Minister of Economy, UAE
- **HE Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Attiyah**, Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Industry, Qatar
- **Conference's Official Patron**

10:15-10:45 **Tour of the Exhibition and Break**

10:45-11:45 **Panel I: Abu Dhabi's Economic Vision**

Abu Dhabi's economic expansion has been spurred by a bold vision focused on a streamlining government, broadening the base of the economy, promoting private sector leadership of economic activity while encouraging a concept of partnership between the government and private enterprise. The session will discuss the following:

- Components of the new economic vision.
- Role of government in tomorrow's economy.
- Implications of government restructuring on main economic sectors.
- Role of private sector as a driver of economic growth.
- Needed legislative and regulatory frameworks.

Panelists:

- **HE Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi**, Secretary General, Abu Dhabi Executive Council

- **Mr. Abdulla Nasser Hawaileel Al Mansoori**, Board Member, Chairman of Construction and Infrastructure Committee, ADCED.
- **Mr. Abdullah M. Mazrui**, Board Member, Chairman of Social Development Committee, Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development, ADCED.
- **Mr. Hussein Al Nowais**, Board Member, Chairman of Trade & Economy Committee, ADCED.
- **Mr. Hamad Abdulla Al Shamsi**, Board Member, Chairman of Business Environment Committee, ADCED.

11:45-12:45

Panel II: Basic Industries

Abu Dhabi new economic thrust includes major plans for the development of basic industries such as petrochemicals, aluminium and steel that could benefit from competitive energy and feedstock cost or could later work as basis for the emergence of downstream industries and industrial clusters. This session will discuss the following:

- Potential scope for expanding petrochemical industries.
- Aluminium and Steel projects.
- Opportunities for derivative and downstream industries.
- Potential of cooperation of other GCC producers.

Moderator: Mr. Hussein J. Al Nowais, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Steel Company

Panelists:

- **Mr. Harri Bucht**, Chief Executive Officer, Borouge
- **Mr. Marizio La Noce**, Director, Energy and Industries, Mubadala Development
- **Mr. Mohammed Nasser Al Khaily**, Managing Director, IPIC
- **Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamel**, Chairman, Zamel Group
- **Mr. Jeremy Dixon**, Vice President, Project and Structured Finance, Arab Banking Corporation

12:45-13:00

An Address by:

HE Lee Yi Shyan, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Singapore
“Singapore and Abu Dhabi: A Partnership for the Future”

13:00-14:30

Lunch hosted by Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Emirates Palace

14:45-15:45

Panel III: Oil & Gas

Abu Dhabi is considered to be one of the world’s leading producers and exporters of oil and gas. With world demand for oil and gas expected to maintain present growth trends, Abu Dhabi is planning major increases in its production capacity through substantial new investments. The new expansion plan will involve defining new formulae for partnership with international companies in both prospective as well as productive activities. This section will discuss the following:

- Plans for increasing oil production capacity.
- Plans for boosting gas capacity.
- Plans for expanding oil refining capacity.
- Potential opportunities for foreign companies.
- Potential opportunities for private sector.

Panelists:

- **Dr. Saif Sultan Ali Al Nasser**i, Team Leader, Long Term Planning & Studies, Planning Division, E&P Directorate, ADNOC
- **Dr. Christofe Rühl**, Deputy Group Chief Economist, BP
- **Mr. Nejib Zaafarani**, Chairman, Shell Abu Dhabi
- **Eng. Ahmad Omar Abdulla**, Assistant General Manager, Operations, Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Company (TAKREER)

15:45-16:45

Panel IV: Privatisation Strategy and Investment Opportunities

The Government Restructuring Initiative will involve the privatization and deregulation of many economic sectors, which will as a result be open to private companies, both local and foreign. Such policy is almost certain to attract foreign capital and know-how by leading international companies, a development which will be hugely beneficial to Abu Dhabi economic future. This session will discuss the following:

- Privatisation strategy.
- Government economic activities to be targeted for privatisation.
- Opportunities and prospective role for foreign capital.
- Plans for upgrading of the Emirate's infrastructure.

Panelists:

- **Mr. Walid Muqarab Al Muhairi**, General Manger, Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development
- **Dr. Karim El Solh**, Chief Executive Officer, Gulf Capital
- **Mr. Abdulla Saif Al-Noaimi**, Director of Privatisation, Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority
- **Eng. Fatima Obaid Al Jaber**, Chief Operating Officer, Al Jaber Group
- **Mr. Khalfan Al Kaabi**, Chairman, ASCORP

16:45-17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00-18:00

Panel V: Financing Next Phase of Economic Expansion

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is expected to spend more than \$160 billion during the next seven years on projects covering most sectors of the economy. Such economic expansion will generate large demand for project financing and would create opportunities for local, regional and international financial institutions. This session will discuss the following:

- Options for financing future economic expansion plans.
- The role of local banks.
- The role of foreign banks.
- The role of capital markets.

Panelists:

- **Mr. Michael Tomalin**, Chief Executive Officer, National Bank of Abu Dhabi

- **Mr. Jeremy Parrish**, CEO, Abu Dhabi & Al Ain, Standard Chartered Bank
- **Mr. Khaled Khalfan Al-Suwaidi**, Manager, Listed Companies Department, Abu Dhabi Securities Market
- **Dr. Chadi Karam**, Chairman General Manager, BLC Bank
- **Mr. Ahmad Tantash**, CEO, JordInvest
- **Dr. Hani Shammah**, CEO, Noor Capital

19:30-22:30 **Reception hosted by Arab Banking Corporation at Emirates Palace Ballroom**

Day 2: 6 February 2006

09:00-9:15 **Keynote Address: “Abu Dhabi Tourism Strategy”**
 • **HH Sheikh Sultan Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority

09:15-10:00 **Panel VI: Tourism**

The tourism sector is playing an important role in driving future growth in Abu Dhabi. With an ambitious tourism development plan already in place, Abu Dhabi government is clearly aiming at turning the country into a major tourist destination in the region. This is being done through major development of tourism infrastructure and the fast development of hotel capacity in the country. Issues to be raised by the panel include: Abu Dhabi’s vision of tourism, investment opportunities in tourism, maintaining the balance between tourism development and the country’s heritage and environment.

Panelists:

- **Mr. Mubarak Hamad Al Muhairi**, Director General, Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority
- **Mr. Nasser Al Nowais**, Chairman, Rotana Hotels
- **Mr. Khalifa Nasser Bin Huwaileel Al Mansoori**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi National Hotels Company
- **Mr. James Hoogan**, Chief Executive, Etihad

10:00-10:45 **Panel VII: Real Estate Development**

Abu Dhabi is witnessing the emergence of large real estate development companies and t huge real estate projects that are fast reshaping the urban landscape as well as the fundamentals of supply and demand. This session will discuss the following:

- Drivers of Abu Dhabi real estate market.
- Leading development projects.
- Implications on market absorption of new supply.
- Legal aspects.

Panelists:

- **Mr. Faris Suhail Al Yabhouni**, Vice Chairman Managing Director, Sorouh
- **Mr. Ahmed Al Yafie**, Chief Operating Officer – Real Estate, Al Qudra Real Estate
- **Eng. Akram Abou Hamdan**, General Manager, Al Mawared, Jordan
- **Mr. Adel Shirawi**, Chief Executive, Tamweel

10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-11:45 **Panel VIII: Transportation**

- **Mr. Khalifa Al Mazrui**, Chief Executive, Abu Dhabi Airports Co.
- **Mr. Ahmed Said Al Calili**, Chief Executive, Abu Dhabi Ports Company
- **Eng. Jaber Hareb Al Khaili**, Chief Executive, Zonescorp
- **Mr. Imad Fakhoury**, Chairman, Aqaba Development Corporation

11:45-12:45 **Closing Panel: Abu Dhabi, UAE and the Gulf: Synergy and Competition**

The opening of Abu Dhabi market will soon generate ample opportunities for new investments that could turn the emirate into a major player on both regional as well as international level. But will these schemes create new sources of competition with comparable projects in UAE and the Gulf or will it on the contrary raise the total weight of GCC's economic presence on the world scale? And will Abu Dhabi expansion plans create investment opportunities for other seasoned GCC companies? And what are the reforms that could further increase the attraction of Abu Dhabi and GCC countries as investment-friendly and more competitive economies on a global scale?

Panelists:

- **HE Dr. Abdulkarim Al Ariani**, Advisor to the President of Republic of Yemen and Former Prime Minister, Yemen
- **Eng. Salah Al Shamsi**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamel**, Chairman, Zamel Group
- **Mr. Marzouk Nasser Al Kharafi**, Vice Chairman of Al Kharafi Group and Chairman of Kuwait Food Co. (Americana)

13:00-15:00 **Lunch**

15:15 **Field visits to industrial and real estate projects**

*** Agenda is subject to change as seen necessary by organizers.**